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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES: Board of Dietetics and Nutrition

MEETING DATE AND TIME: Friday, September 20, 2013 at 1:30 p.m.

PLACE: 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware

Conference Room A, first floor of the Cannon Building

MINUTES APPROVED: November 8, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT

Maryann Eastep, L.D.N., Secretary Patricia Hawkins, Public Member Christy Wright, Public Member

MEMBERS ABSENT

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Jennifer Singh, Deputy Attorney General Latonya Brown, Administrative Specialist Jeff Ford, Investigative Supervisor

OTHERS PRESENT

Donna Trader, DDA Irene Soucy, DDA Scott Soucy, DDA

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Eastep called the meeting to order at 1:40 pm.

<u>Discussion on the Process of the Investigators</u>

Mr. Ford explained to the Board the process of the Investigators. Ms. Hawkins questioned if the flow chart that she received in the packet when she started on the Board was updated. Mr. Ford reviewed the flow chart and explained each step. Mr. Ford also spoke on the amount of Dietitian complaints that has been received by the Division of Professional Regulation over the past few years. Ms. Eastep questioned who trains the Investigators on what to look for. Mr. Ford stated the Investigators study the Code and have more than enough experience in investigating; a vast majority of the Investigators are retired police officers. Ms. Trader questioned weight loss being practiced by unlicensed dietitians and weight loss is considered medical nutritional

therapy which is covered and protected under the Dietitians scope of practice. Ms. Trader stated that if someone advertises themselves as doing weight loss therapy they are in violation of the Dietitians scope of practice. Ms. Singh mentioned that it may be in the Dietitians practice act but it may also be in their (i.e. Chiropractic) practice act as well. Ms. Singh suggested taking a list of the terms for Dietitians and defining them in more detail for the Rules and Regulations.

<u>Discussion on Proposed Amendments to the Supervised Practice Experience Assessment Form</u>

Ms. Hawkins suggested that someone with professional knowledge should be able to help Ms. Eastep with amending the Supervised Practice Experience Assessment form. Ms. Brown informed the Board that the Governor's office is working on finding new Board members. When a member is found, Ms. Eastep will have another professional opinion on the Board. The Board discussed a few formats but Ms. Eastep would need another opinion to weigh in on what needs to be changed on the form. The Board will review and update the form at the next meeting.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next scheduled Board Meeting will be held on Friday, November 8, 2013 at 1:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Ms. Eastep, seconded by Ms. Hawkins to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 2:29pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Latonya Brown

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